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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMEEE REFUGEES

FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION FROM AMBASSADOR L.DEAN BROWN

1. BACKGROUND: THE SUDDEN COLLAPSE IN VIET-NAM HAS LED

TO A SITUATION OF TRAGIC PROPORTIONS. MANY VIETNAMESE ARE FLEEING THE COUNTRY THROUGH THEIR OWN MEANS. OTHERS ARE

LEAVING UNDER OUR AUSPICES. WE CANNOT ESTIMATE AT THIS POINT WHAT THE DIMENSIONS OF THE PROBLEM MAY EVENTUALLY BE.

THE UNITED STATES IS MAKING A MAJOR EFFORT TO ACT CONSTRUCTIVELY TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM. ASIDE FROM TRANSPORTATION OF CERTAIN VIETNAMEEE OUT OF THAT COUNTRY, WE HAVE ESTABLISHED STAGING AREAS IN GUAM AND WAKE. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS EXTENDED PAROLE TO CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF VIETNAMESE, PRINCIPALLY THOSE WHO FALL IN THE HIGH RISK AREA OR HAVE A RELATIONSHIP TO AMERICAN CITIZENS OR PERMANENT ALIENS. THE NUMBER WHO COULD BE ADMITTED UNDER THIS PROGRAM COULD REACH 130,000 PERSONS. MOREOVER, WE ARE LAUNCHING A MAJOR RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH WILL INVOLVE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. WE FULLY INTEND TO CONTINUE

PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN ALLEVIATING THE SUFFERING OF THESE REFUGEES AND RESETTLING THEM IN THE DAYS AND MONTHS AHEAD.

THE RESPONSE OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY TO THIS TRAGEDY SO FAR HAS BEEN MINIMAL. SOME COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN RECEPTIVE BUT THE REACTION OF MOST HAS BEEN EITHER INDIFFERENT OR EVEN NEGATIVE.

WE HAVE DECIDED THEREFORE, WHILE THE WORLD IS STILL CONFIDENTIAL

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FOCUSED ON THIS TRAGEDY, TO LAUNCH A VIGOROUS DIPLOMATIC CAMPAIGN TO BRING OUR CONCERNS TO THE WORLD COMMUNITY. EACH MISSION IS INSTRUCTED, UNLESS STRONG OBJECTIONS ARE PERCEIVED, TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING ORAL DEMARCHE AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL AND REPORT RESULTS OF APPROACH IMMEDIATELY. END BACKGROUND.

1. AS A RESULT OF THE SUDDEN COLLAPSE IN VIET-NAM, THOUSANDS OF VIETNAMESE ARE FLEEING THE COUNTRY. SOME ARE LEAVING THROUGH THEIR OWN MEANS, OTHERS THROUGH OUR FACILITIES. AT THIS POINT, WE DO NOT KNOW HOW MANY VIETNAMESE WILL LEAVE VIET-NAM. THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT THE PLIGHT OF THESE REFUGEES

DESERVES THE SYMPATHY AND HELP OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY.
THIS IS A TRAGEDY OF ENORMOUS HUMAN PROPORTIONS WHICH
SIMPLY CANNOT BE IGNORED OR OVERLOOKED.

2. THE UNITED STATES IS RESPONDING VIGOROUSLY AND CON-
STRUCTIVELY TO MEET THIS HUMAN PROBLEM. WE HAVE LAUNCHED
A MAJOR RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM IN THIS COUNTRY AND ARE
PREPARED TO RECEIVE THOUSANDS OF THESE REFUGEES IN KEEPING
WITH OUR TRADITIONS AND THE UNITED STATES' OWN INVOLVEMENT
WITH VIET-NAM AND ITS PEOPLE. WE ARE MORE THAN FULLY
PREPARED TO TAKE ON THE MAJOR BURDEN OF THIS PROBLEM.

3. THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE MAJOR
INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES (UNHCR, ICEM AND THE ICRC) ON THIS
HUMANITARIAN ISSUE. WE EXPECT THEY WILL APPROACH A
NUMBER OF COUNTRIES AND THAT THEY WILL PLAY A MAJOR ROLE
IN ALL PHASES OF THE RESETTLEMENT EFFORT AS THEY HAVE DONE
IN OTHER REFUGEE MOVEMENTS.

4. IN FACE OF THE ENORMITY OF THE PROBLEM THE UNITED
STATES BELIEVES MORE IS REQUIRED. SPECIFICALLY, WE URGE
ALL COUNTRIES TO SHARE THE BURDEN BY ACCEPTING A CERTAIN
NUMBER OF REFUGEES INTO THEIR OWN COUNTRIES. WE REALIZE
THE SPECIFIC NUMBERS WILL DEPEND ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF
EACH COUNTRY, BUT EACH SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACCEPT SOME.

WE WOULD HOPE FOR A MINIMUM OF 100 PER COUNTRY AND MUCH
MORE FROM OTHERS. WE RECOGNIZE THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN
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SOME LDC'S DOES NOT PERMIT ACCEPTANCE OF POOR REFUGEES,
BUT THEY MAY BE ABLE TO TAKE VIETNAMESE WITH PROFESSIONAL
QUALIFICATIONS. THERE ARE A SMALLER NUMBER OF CAMBODIAN

REFUGEES WHO WILL BE SEEKING HOMES. WE WOULD ALSO
APPRECIATE RECEIVING POSSIBLE RESETTLEMENT PROSPECTS FOR
THESE REFUGEES FROM HOST GOVERNMENTS.

5. FOR THOSE COUNTRIES WHO HAVE DIPLOMATIC OR OTHER
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GVN, WE WOULD URGE THEY ARE TREATED
HUMANELY AND BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN, IF THEY WISH. WE ALSO
EXPECT COUNTRIES TO WORK WITH THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES
FOR THE RESETTLEMENT OF THOSE VIETNAMESE WHO ARRIVE BY
THEIR OWN MEANS.

6. IN CONCLUSION, THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO EMPHASIZE
THAT IT IS OUR FIRM INTENTION TO HONOR OUR OBLIGATIONS
TO THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. WE HOPE OTHERS WILL ALSO
RECOGNIZE AND RESPOND IN GOOD CONSCIENCE TO THIS IMMENSE
TRAGEDY.

FOR PARIS AND CANBERRA: YOU SHOULD INFORM HOST GOVERN-

MENTS THAT WE ARE MAKING THIS APPROACH TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND INDICATE WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF WHAT THEY ARE DOING TO ALLEVIATE SITUATION.

FOR ARA POSTS: OUR GREATEST HOPES FOR PLACING SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF THESE REFUGEES ARE PRESUMABLY IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. WE ALSO APPRECIATE THAT THERE ARE SIGNIFICANTLY VARYING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN THE HEMISPHERE WHICH ARGUE FOR DIFFERENT APPROACHES IN EACH COUNTRY. IN BRAZIL THERE MIGHT BE AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY IF THE GOB IS APPROACHED CORRECTLY. THEREFORE ALL ARA EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW BEST TO MAXIMIZE POSSIBILITIES IN YOUR COUNTRY OF GAINING A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM THE HOST GOVERNMENT.

FOR UN MISSION GENEVA4

YOU SHOULD INFORM UNHCR, ICEMAND ICRC WE ARE MAKING
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ABOVE APPROACH AND EMPHASIZE WE CONSIDER IT COMPLEMENTARY TO EFFORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES WHICH WE FIRMLY BELIEVE SHOULD AND WILL PLAY MAJOR ROLE IN RESETTLING VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN REFUGEES.

7. THIS MESSAGE IS TRANSMITTED TO POSTS LISTED BELOW FOR INFORMATION ONLY. DO NOT RPT NOT TAKE ACTION. REQUESTED ABOVE.

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